

Virginia Air Board
c/o Terry Darton
Air Permit Manager
13901 Crown Court
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Dear Air Board-


Everyone loves to talk about air quality, but the problem isn't nearly so much the power plant as it is the million cars we have on the road. All the same, if Mirant wants to spend the money to improve the air quality around the Potomac River Generating Station, it seems a given that these improvements should be allowed. People who are for closing down the power plant are not taking the time to consider where we will be getting our power in the future. That is fairly disturbing.

I have personally lived in Alexandria on and off since 1964. I understand the need to have the power plant continue to supply power to the grid. As a nation, we are not replacing the power plants that we shut down, so closing more doors would be a grave mistake. It seems like opposition to the plant's proposed improvements are rooted in a desire to achieve that end. We cannot let that happen.

It is important to realize the impact that the power plant has on the energy needs of a large portion of the east coast. If Mirant is offering to continue that supply in a more environmentally sound way, there should be no issue with that. Please hear the community and allow these improvements.

Thank you for your service,

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